Survey regarding mentally retarded children in Madhya Pradesh

8502. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minishter of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have conducted any Survey regarding number of mentally retarded children and adult persons in the State of Madhya Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details and results thereof; and

(c) the welfare measures Government have undertaken or propose to extend to mentally retarded persons in Madhya Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITARAM KESRI): (a) and (b) A nationwide sample survey was conducted by National Sample Survey Organisation in 1991 to assess the number of children with developmental delays in the age group of 1-14 years, according to which the prevalence rate in Madhya Pradesh is 18 per thousand in urban areas and 36 per thousand in rural areas.

(c) Under the 'scheme of Assistance to Voluntary Organisations for setting up of Special Schools' two voluntary organisations are being assisted for running the special schools for mentally retarded viz. (i) Digdarshika Institute for Rehabilitation, Bhopal and (ii) Viklang Seva Bharati, Jabalpur.

Welfare Measures for blind persons

8503. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state the measures taken up by the Government for the welfare of blind persons in the State of Madhya Pradesh and the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITARAM KESRI): The Ministry of Welfare provide services for the welfare of blind persons through voluntary organisations. During 1994-95, grants were given to the organisation named "Madhya Pradesh Welfare Association for the Blind", Indore for placement of blind persons in employment. In addition there is one Special Employment Exchange and one Vocational Rehabilitation Centre for handicapped at Jabalpur a four special cells at Bilaspur, Dawas, Durg and Rewa to provide placement to disabled persons including blind persons in gainful employment.

Inclusion of Communities in Assam in SC/ST List

8504. SHRI BHADRESWAR GOHAIN: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that there are a number of demands from certain communities in Assam for their inclusion in the Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe List of the Constitution;

(b) whether Government are contemplating to introduce constitutional Amendment Bill in the Parliament during the Summer Session of Parliament to include those communities into those lists; and

(c) if not, the reasons for not taking a decision on the subject?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITARAM KESRI): (a) to (c) A large number of demands for the inclusion of various communities in the lists of Scheduled Castes/ Scheduled Tribes of various States/ UTs including Assam have been received.

All such demands have been referred to the Advisory Committee for their recommendation. The report of the Committee is awaited. Further necessary action would be taken as per provisions contained in Articles

341 & 342 of the Constitution after receipt of the report of the Committee.

Reservation in Government Medical College, Chandigarh

8505. SHRI JAGIR SINGH DARD:
SHRI BHUPINDER SINGH MANN:

Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that no follow-up reservation policy for SC/ST candidates is being made in Government Medical College in Chandigarh for the selection for various posts of Professor, Lecturer, Reader etc. and no recruitment rules exist at this moment;

(b) whether Union Public Service Commission have made advertisement for filling up of various posts in the College on 22nd April, 1995 in such condition; and

(c) if so, what service rules will apply to the staff selected through U.P.S.C.?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITARAM KESRI): (a) to (c) The post of Professors, Readers and Lecturers are generally being filled on the deputation basis from neighbouring States of Punjab, Himachal Pradesh, Jammu and Kashmir, Punjab University, P.G.I., Chandigarh and Delhi Administraion. Two posts of Readers and four posts of Lecturers were filled on ad-hoc basis temporarily with the approval of Chandigarh Administration to comply with the teaching norms of the Medical Council of India. Further, presently all posts including these have been sent to UPSC for recruitment following the roster of reservation. Draft recruitment rules are under scrutining by the Chandigarh Administration, until the recruitment rules are approved by the competent authority, the Punjab Recruitment Rules as applicable to UT Chandigarh are being followed. The UPSC made advertisement for filling up of various posts in this college on 22-28 April 1995 and 13-19 May, 1995. Once the draft rules are approved by the Competent Authority, these would apply to the staff.

ग्रामीण क्षेत्रों में हेरोइन व्यसनी

8506. **श्री अजीत जोगी :**
श्री मूलचन्द मीणा :

क्या **कल्याण** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि ग्रामीण क्षेत्रों में लोग हेरोइन के व्यसन का शिकार हो रहे है ;

(ख) क्या सरकार ने इसके लिये कोई कदम उठाये हैं ; और

(ग) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है ;

कल्याण मंत्री (श्री सीताराम केसरी): (क) नशीली दवाओं के दुरुपयोग की स्थिति संबंधी त्वरित मूल्यांकन रिपोर्ट के अनुसार हेरोइन का व्यसन अधिकांशत: शहरी और अर्द्ध-शहरी क्षेत्रों तक सीमित